

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the Abstract on page 17 with the following rewritten Abstract:

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A portable communication apparatus has a microphone ~~(14)~~ and a processing device ~~(31)~~ with an input ~~(37)~~ operatively coupled to the microphone. The processing device generates a digital output signal from a first electric signal received from the microphone. A reading device ~~(17, 52)~~ in the portable communication apparatus generates a second electric signal from an optical or magnetic input signal. The processing device ~~(31)~~ is operatively coupled to the reading device ~~(17, 52)~~, so that the second electric signal from the reading device may be received at the input ~~(37)~~ of the processing device.

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